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SUBJECT: AGEE'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON CIA STAFF AT AMERICAN EMBASSY

1. SEPTTEL PROVIDES FULL TEXT SEPTEMBER 17 JAMAICA DAILY NEWS ACCOUNT OF AGEE'S SEPTEMBER 16 PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE ALLEGED VARIOUS STAFF AT EMBASSY ARE CIA AGENTS.

2. WE STILL LACK DETAILS AS TO PRECISELY WHAT WAS SAID AT THAT CONFERENCE BUT FOLLOWING BITS AND PIECES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

A. DAILY NEWS ACCOUNT APPEARS TO BE AN ACCURATE RENDITION OF AGEE'S REMARKS.

B. A BRIEF VIDEO TAPE EXCERPT OF AGEE'S REMARKS BROADCAST BY JBC TV AT 1930 HOURS SEPTEMBER 16 SHOWS AGEE DESCRIBING LISTS OF "FIVE CIA OPERATIVES", "TWO CIA CLERICAL SUPPORT," "TWO CIA COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT," AND "FIVE CIA OPERATIVES WHO RECENTLY SERVED AT EMBASSY KINGSTON". AGEE, IN SAME EXCERPT, STATES THAT LIST IS ONLY PARTIAL, THAT SOME CIA AGENTS UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE LEFT IN RECENT DAYS " IN ANTICIPATION OF EXPOSURE" AND THAT OTHERS HAVE RECENTLY ARRIVED TO TAKE OVER FROM THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED OR WHO HAVE LEFT. HE ALSO SAID THAT UNDOUBTEDLY THERE ARE CIA AGENTS UNDER UN-OFFICIAL COVER AS BUSINESSMEN, RETIRED PEOPLE, TOURISTS, ETC.

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3. THE SAME NEWS BROADCAST REPORTED THAT AGEE WAS TO

DEPART JAMAICA LAST NIGHT (THANK GOD*).

4. VISIBLY PRESENT ON PODIUM AT PRESS CONFERENCE WAS CUBAN LA PRENSA REPRESENTATIVE. IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY THAT ASIDE FROM PRESS THERE APPARENTLY WAS A LARGE GAGGLE OF THE USUAL RADICAL MOB, INCLUDING FRINGE ELEMENTS OF THE PNP. MOREOVER, CONFERENCE WAS STAGED AT SOCIAL ACTION CENTER WHICH, THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, IS BEING FUNDED BY, AMONG OTHERS, THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION.

5. WE HOPE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO OBTAIN MORE PRECISE DETAILS ON CONFERENCE INCLUDING COPIES OF THE LIST AGEE PASSED OUT.
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